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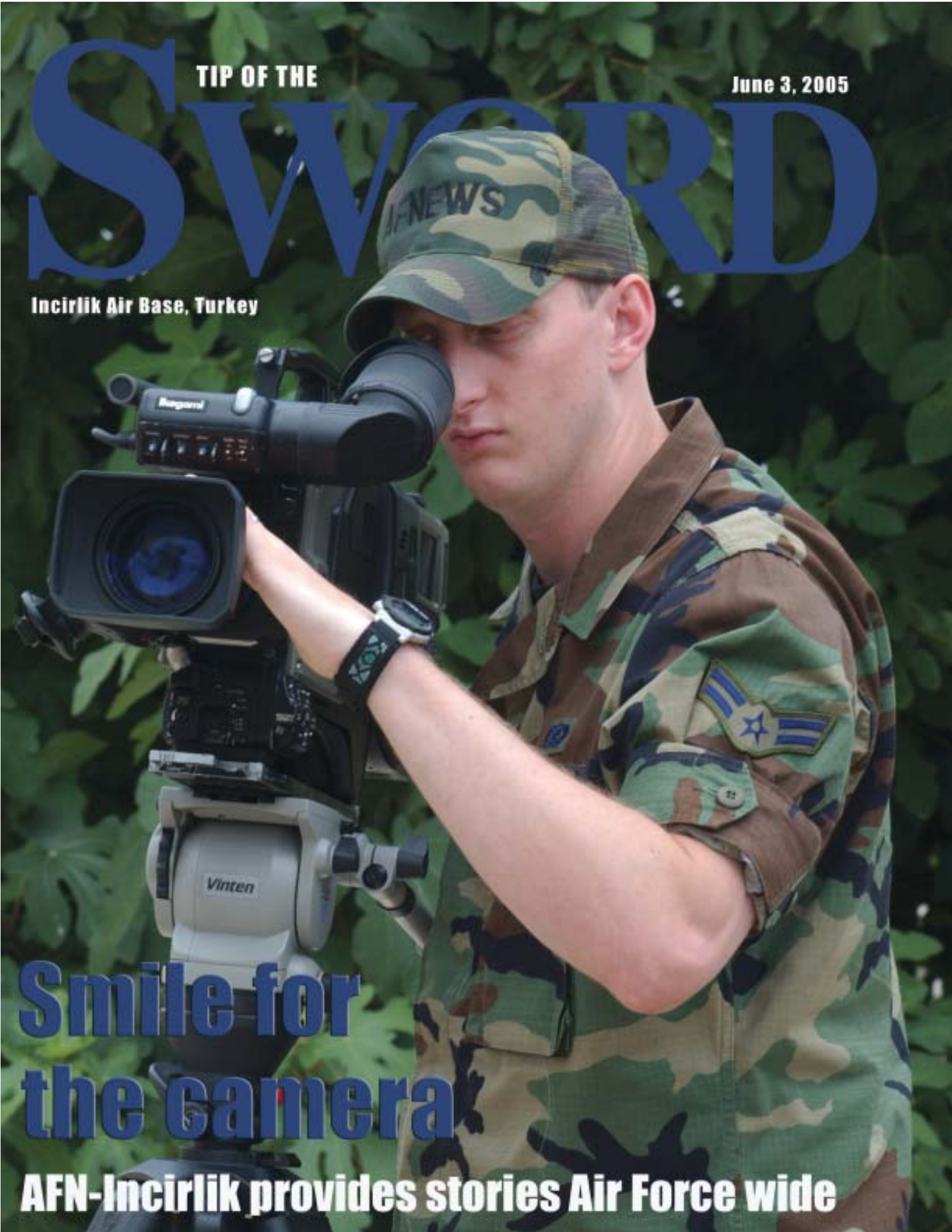
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Airman 1st Class Alex Griffin, American Forces Network - Incirlik broadcaster, films one of the news broadcasts that gets sent throughout the Air Force. See related article, Page 8. (Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards)

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. Michael Gardiner,
39th Air Base Wing commander

Congratulations

Congratulations to the members of the 425th Air Base Squadron, Izmir Air Base, for winning the Communications and Information General Edwin W. Rawlings Award.

Promotions

Congratulations to the June promotees:
Promoted to captain: **John Almeida**, 39th Logistic Readiness Squadron; **Nathan Kaiser**, 39th LRS; **Michael Luna**, 39th LRS; **Josh Lyles**, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Michael Meek**, 39th Services Squadron; **Nancy Morin**, 39th Mission Support Squadron; **John Peresta**, 39th Security Forces Squadron

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Promoted to airman: **William Cotter**, 39th SFS; **Renae Saylock**, 39th CS

Force Protection

Turkey is a great place to live, work and play but we need to remember to always be on our guard.

In the past, terrorist organizations have attacked popular tourist destinations and other locations around Turkey.

While you are out and about, even in the local area, please remember to take security measures for your personal safety:

- ♦ Be alert for unattended bags, packages or other items that could be disguised explosive devices
- ♦ Avoid Turkish Government facilities, when possible, and demonstrations
- ♦ Have an alternate route of travel to use if you encounter a protest
- ♦ Be familiar with your surroundings and know exit routes
- ♦ Have local currency, a phone card or a cellular phone in the event of an emergency
- ♦ Let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return
- ♦ Be aware of suspicious persons or vehicles
- ♦ Vary routes and perform vehicle checks

Immediately report any suspicious activity to the law enforcement desk at 6-3200. Incirlik force protection, your life depends on it!

Air Force benefits often better than civilian

By Master Sgt. Roberta Williams

39th Air Base Wing career assistance advisor

Did you know, according to Air Force Instruction, supervisors are required to provide career counseling to subordinates on the benefits, entitlements and opportunities available in an Air Force career?

Supervisors are required to give this counseling in conjunction with performance feedback or when an individual comes up for reenlistment. The Air Force Benefits Fact Sheet is located on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site to help you with this task. The current fact sheet was updated in April.

I want to touch on a few of the benefits mentioned in the eight-page fact sheet that have impacted me throughout my Air Force career.

As a new supervisor, I was trying my best to keep my good troops in the military. I was successful with all but one of them.

A young staff sergeant said he wanted to get out, complete his education and become a teacher. Nothing I said would change his mind. A few months after he left the military, he e-mailed me to say it was the biggest mistake he had ever made.

He had changed his mind about becoming a teacher and was working a night job at a small motel. He was unhappy. He eventually went into the Air Force Reserve but was never as happy as when he was on active duty.

As the career advisor, I get asked questions by Reservists on base wanting to come back on active duty. One of those people is Brian Clear, a civilian working for Vinnell, Brown and Root.

"I had 11 years in the military in the security forces career field," he said. "The steady pay and benefits you get in the military are well worth it. The couple of jobs I've had since I got out haven't offered anything close to what the military offers. Nobody advised me of any alternatives to separating."

Don't let this happen to your troops. Talk to them and help them make an informed decision.

Medical

I come from a family with bad medical genes. I was diagnosed with a heart murmur early in my military career. I had to go in for many tests. I also have to take antibiotics every time I go in for a medical procedure. Do I have to pay for any of that? Thanks to Tri-Care, I don't and the amount of money I

have saved is in the thousands of dollars.

I remember going with my parents to their medical appointments and having to co-pay even though they had medical coverage. Our home was like a personal pharmacy. I don't even want to think about how much they paid for those prescriptions. If you become ill, you are sent home on quarters and you still get paid. In the civilian world, you have to earn sick leave to get paid for staying home in bed. If you don't have enough sick leave, you don't get paid.

Education

One of the command chief master sergeants I served with finally got me to continue my education. After 16 years in the military, I finally have my Community College of the Air Force degree and am working on my bachelor's degree with Embry-Riddle.

Go to the education office and find out how close you really are to completing your CCAF. Take College Level Examination Program and Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support tests for college credit. It is free for military members. There is no reason not to take classes when the military is offering 100 percent tuition assistance. With each class costing around \$750 that amounts to a total savings of approximately \$30,000 for a four year degree.

Leave

My father died while I was waiting to attend technical school. I had only been in the military for one month. So, I requested three weeks of advance leave which put me in a negative leave balance for a few months. But one of the big military benefits is 30 days of leave each year. I was lucky to get merely even days of vacation time a year with my civilian jobs.

Military Family

My first assignment took me to the Philippines where I worked in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. I soon learned the military was one big family. Unfortunately, my mother died two years after my father. I'll never forget how my co-workers rallied around me. They arranged to get me home as soon as possible. They helped me pack, took me to the airport and called me back in the states to see if I needed anything. They picked me up when I returned to the Philippines and gave me the support I needed.

Money

Every military member received a 3.5 percent raise for fiscal year 2005. We are in a Combat Zone Tax Exclusion area here so we don't pay federal income tax. We are eligible

for the Savings Deposit Program. You can earn 10 percent interest annually on your money up to \$10,000. One of the most attractive military benefits is retirement. You receive a monthly retirement income for the rest of your life just for serving a minimum of 20 years. Many civilian employees must contribute to their retirement, you don't!

Family Support Center

The Family Support Center has a number of free classes, from balancing a checkbook to stress management, available to everyone. The Transition Assistance Program is for people separating or retiring from the military. It is a very relaxed three-day class and the information you get is outstanding.

"During the financial planning segment of the transition seminars, it's satisfying but frustrating to see how people need and absorb the information," said Donna Robinson-Teter, class instructor. "The cost of health insurance, the tax bite on civilian incomes, and the honest assessment of salaries people will realistically command, are like new subjects to them ... get this information before you decide to retire or separate."

I realize the military is not for everybody. I hope I have opened your eyes to some of your military benefits. Even in this day and age, the military is not a bad option. Think twice about your military career and get to that TAP class if you still decide to separate.

Good to know

Here are a few places to go to get more information on the benefits of military life:

Air Force Personnel Center – a place to go for information on assignments, benefits, education, retraining, and a number of other topics – www.afpc.randolph.af.mil

Defense Finance and Accounting Service – a place to go to look up information on military pay – www.dod.mil/dfas

Virtual Education Center – a place to look up how and where to go for Air Force virtual education – afvec.langley.af.mil

Air Force Crossroads – a resource to help with PCS and relocating the family and other subjects – www.afcrossroads.com

Effective leadership requires competence, knowing when to take action, be decisive

By 1st Lt. Thomas McCaleb
52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

SPANGDAHLEMAIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) — Later this month, I pin on my captain bars. With this milestone around the corner, I have been thinking about my Air Force journey as a lieutenant.

In a nutshell, lieutenants get all the breaks.

Lieutenants get comfortable chairs, usually, and often their own offices. Lieutenants get special care from customer service agencies, and lieutenants get the attention and counsel of senior NCOs who know that commanders share one trait — they were lieutenants once.

The list of indulgences granted to lieutenants lacks one entry — credibility. When a sergeant in my first flight learned my age, she thought I was pulling her leg.

“That’s too young,” she said, “for such an important job.” I assured her that although I was young, I meant to learn quickly.

Four years at the Air Force Academy taught me the importance of integrity and of being a true wingman — keeping your buddy out of trouble in the first place, not covering for him once he lands in hot water.

As a lieutenant, I learned three more lessons that bolstered my credibility as a leader. Young NCOs may benefit from these maxims, and green lieutenants will find them essential.

Know your stuff

I work in aircraft maintenance, a field fraught with a huge array of acronyms and regulations — like most specialties in our Air Force. Every day of my tenure as a lieutenant, my effectiveness as a leader suffered from my ignorance about a part or a program. Until you have knowledge, neither superiors nor subordinates will have faith in

your judgment.

Do not coddle

It is no secret that a few Airmen do not make the grade for our Air Force — they must, as the saying goes, shape up or ship out. It is less often noted, but no less correct, that the same holds true for all ranks. If a subordinate displays unsatisfactory behavior, demand correction; if you do not insist on change, it will not happen.

Make decisions

When working together toward a common goal, people crave leadership. In spite of the bar on your collar, you will forfeit this privilege if you do not make decisions.

Realize — and learn to live with the fact — that hindsight will prove some decisions mistaken.

Listen to your trusted advisors and weigh options carefully, but don’t hesitate to act until events, or your bosses, make decisions for you.

When I first arrived here, I didn’t speak the language of aircraft maintenance; I didn’t set high standards for all subordinates; and consequently, I didn’t have confidence or credibility to make decisions and spearhead their execution.

In April, two-thirds of our A-10 aircraft and maintainers traveled to England for three weeks, and my boss traveled with them. Throughout those weeks, I set the priorities for the folks left behind, guided the weekly scheduling process and represented the unit at daily briefings to the group and wing commanders.

I felt a growing regard for my competence, as I showed that I knew a few things, expected stellar performance and could make a decision.

I still struggle to put my precepts into practice, but the more I — and you — guide our actions by them, the more our troops will trust us to chart our units’ courses.



Combat Care is a U.S. Air Forces in Europe program designed to improve the care, attention and information flow to spouses and families and create a sense of community among those coping with deployments.

The family support center is looking for volunteers to form a deployed spouse network. For more information or to volunteer, call the family support center at 6-6755.

YOUR TURN

What is your plan to stay safe during the 101 Critical Days of Summer?

“I’m going to wear sunscreen and try to stay out of the sun.”

— Senior Air-

man

James Stogner,

39th Communications Squadron



“I make sure my family wears lots of sunblock everywhere.”

— Angela

Mirich-Holder,

39th Services Squadron



“I’m going to be a designated driver and a wonderful wingman.”

— Senior

Airman

Frank Hacecky,

39th CS



“I plan to keep my seatbelt fastened and not drink and drive.”

— Maj.

Marlene

Harris,

39th Air

Base

Wing Protocol



“Drink water, lots of it.”

— Airman 1st

Class Jezreel

Liwanag,

39th CS



To submit a question for “Your Turn,” call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

Sending charitable donations via MPS is prohibited

By Tech. Sgt. Kirk Baldwin
USAFE Postal Policy and Programs

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) — Each year, the Department of Defense plays a huge role in delivering relief supplies and assisting in relief operations all over the world. For individuals overseas that want to contribute, the problem is getting the package where it needs to be.

However, the military postal service is not an option, according to U.S. Air Forces in Europe postal officials. Sending charitable contributions through the Air Mobility Command or through MPS is prohibited.

In Europe, organizations within USAFE raised money and supplies for the victims of the recent tsunami.

The only problem was getting the items to the victims without using the Military Postal System, said Matt Haacker, USAFE Postal functional area manager.

“These commendable efforts and the spirit behind them are extremely noteworthy,” said Mr. Haacker. “However, when the charity includes sending donations via mail, we must stop and follow the authorized delivery methods.”

The DOD is prohibited by law to provide airlift to non-DOD activities, according to Robert Eichholz, from the Air Force Director of Communications Operations office.

This means organizations and people authorized to use MPS cannot serve as intermediaries for any person or organization not specifically authorized such service.

Because there is postage on a package or it's being sent MPS doesn't

mean the mailing is paid for, said Mr. Haacker. The postage applied to mailings only applies to movement while in the possession of the U.S. Postal Service.

“A 20-pound box going to Chicago will cost approximately \$25 in postage,” he said. “That postage defrays transportation costs from the gateway at New York to Chicago. All remaining transportation costs from a military base to New York are at DOD expense.”

DOD spends more than \$73 million moving mail between U.S. gateways and military locations worldwide every year, said Mr. Eichholz.

“The most expensive is movement to Southwest Asia in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom,” he said. “Lack of commercial lift in the theater reduces the commercial mail potential.

“Because of that, we must buy contract airlift from companies that are operating in that area,” he added. “This is a very expensive option. A round-trip cargo flight between New York and Kuwait costs the DOD approximately \$395,000 per flight.”

Items mailed MPS also cost the DOD, Mr. Haacker said. For example, if 2,000 pounds of goods were shipped MPS via Air Mobility Command from Ramstein Air Base, Germany to Bagram AB, Afghanistan, the bill from AMC would exceed \$7,000.

“No one moves anything for free,” Mr. Haacker said. “For this reason, only authorized personnel may use the MPS. Any other use could be considered misuse of taxpayer dollars.

“American people have a great spirit of giving when the need arises, and military personnel are no exception to this rule,” he added. “The most important thing to remember is that convoy size increases as the demand on the system and mail volumes grow. This places more service members on the road and in harm's way.”

Painting Proud

Airman 1st Class Bradley Lail, 39th Communications Squadron visual information photographer, puts a fresh coat of paint on the Official Document Center for Combat Proud. Combat Proud focuses on improving the appearance of U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases to foster pride and productivity. People can take part by keeping their office and building grounds clean and well maintained. For more information or to report an area that needs improvement, call the Combat Proud Hotline at 6-PROUD or e-mail combatproud@incirlik.af.mil.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. William Gomez

New law to affect SGLI payments, premiums

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Defense Department and Veterans Affairs officials are ironing out details of programs that will expand benefits provided through Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

The \$82 billion supplemental legislation signed into law by President Bush on May 11 increases maximum SGLI coverage to \$400,000 and provides payouts of up to \$100,000 for servicemembers with traumatic injuries, said Stephen Wurtz, the VA's deputy assistant director for insurance.

The increased SGLI coverage will take effect Sept. 1, and the so-called "traumatic SGLI" benefit, Dec. 1. The legislation directs that both benefits will be retroactive to Oct. 7, 2001, Mr. Wurtz said.

Traumatic SGLI benefits will be retroactive for servicemembers who have lost limbs, eyesight or speech or received other traumatic injuries as a direct result of injuries received during operations Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom.

The retroactive coverage increase is payable as a result of deaths in either operation, or under other conditions prescribed by the secretary of defense, Mr. Wurtz said.

Servicemembers enrolled in the SGLI program will notice an increase in their premiums when the increases take effect. The traumatic SGLI benefit will be rolled into the basic SGLI program and will likely cost about \$1 a month, Mr. Wurtz said.

Servicemembers currently opting for maximum SGLI coverage — \$400,000 vs. the current \$250,000 — will see their monthly premiums in-

crease from \$16.25 to \$26 unless they specifically opt for a lower coverage amount, Mr. Wurtz said. This is based on the rate of 6.5 cents per \$1,000 of insurance coverage.

SGLI coverage is currently available in \$10,000 increments, but as of Sept. 1, the increments will increase to \$50,000.

Because the rates have not changed, servicemembers who retain \$250,000 or less coverage will see no increase in their premiums, Mr. Wurtz said, except for the \$1 traumatic SGLI premium.

While these expanded benefits will be provided retroactively, affected servicemembers will not be charged retroactive payments, he said. DOD will absorb that cost.

In a new twist introduced through the supplemental legislation, servicemembers with dependents must get their spouse's approval to purchase less than the full amount of SGLI coverage. In the case of people who are not married, notice will be provided to the designated beneficiary when the person purchases less than the maximum coverage.

While VA staff members consult with DOD officials to write regulations that will put the new benefits into effect, Mr. Wurtz said, "lots and lots of details have to be worked out."

Among outstanding issues is the fact that the expanded coverage is part of the supplemental legislation package that funds operations through Sept. 30. That is 30 days after the new SGLI limit takes effect and two months before the traumatic SGLI benefit begins.

Mr. Wurtz said VA is confident Congress will resolve this issue before there is any lapse in coverage.

VA will continue to oversee and control the SGLI program.

Transition to online vRED complete

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) — After decades of Airmen updating emergency contact information in their personnel records, everyone is now required to update the information online rather than visiting their military personnel flights.

Effective immediately, personnel flight officials are no longer required to print and file a paper copy of the Virtual Record of Emergency Data form in each Airman's personnel records, officials said. The paperless form provides the Air Force with information needed to contact family members if an Airman suffers a serious illness or injury, or dies while on active duty.

The vRED, which replaced Department of Defense Form 93, Record of Emergency Data in 2003, is required to be kept updated by each Airman.

Now the only way to update an Airman's emergency data is by visiting the virtual MPF online.

Airmen who do not have access to a vMPF account, such as new accessions or basic trainees, must still complete a DD Form 93 until they establish an online account, said Maj. Yancey Cowen, chief of the casualty services branch at the Air Force

Personnel Center at Randolph AFB, Texas.

"The biggest advantage is convenience for the customer," he said. "Airmen won't have to stand in line at the MPF to make simple changes to their contact information."

Airmen are required to keep their vREDs current at all times and review their contact data at least annually, Major Cowen said. Also, every Airman must review his or her vRED during inprocessing and before all deployments.

"Accurate and current family contact information can prevent delays in notifications and perhaps benefits for Airmen and family members," Major Cowen said.

Personnel officials encourage all active-duty Airmen, guardsmen and reservists to update their information every six months. Civil service employees are also encouraged to update their virtual Emergency Data System contact information as needed for the same reasons.

The online applications take about 15 minutes to complete.

For more information, call the MPF at 6-3280 or visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/ to log into vMPF or to establish an account.

'Airman' changes to quarterly publication

SAN ANTONIO (AFP) — Beginning in July, Airman magazine will be distributed on a quarterly basis versus monthly, to include the January almanac edition.

Readers can expect to see enhanced photography and changes in content, layout and design. Because of the transition, the June issue will not be published, but excerpts will be available online at www.af.mil/news/airman/.

All unit subscriptions will carry through to the new quarterly magazine. If an Airman's unit is not a subscriber but he or she would like to receive the magazine, he or she can send the address and number of military and civilian members assigned to the unit to afnspub@afnews.af.mil.

Airman is the official magazine of the Air Force and a primary internal information source for secretary of the Air Force and Air Force chief of staff programs and Air Force operations at home and overseas. The magazine has been informing the total force since 1957.

'Chief's View' focuses on communication

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — A new television production featuring the chief master sergeant of the Air Force is providing an information venue for key Air Force issues to Airmen worldwide.

The one-minute segments, called "Chief's View," air globally on American Forces Radio and Television Service, the Pentagon Channel and are available through streaming video online at www.af.mil.

"We are excited to have another means to get messages out to Airmen throughout our Air Force," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray. "Communicating with our Airmen is one of the key responsibilities of the office of chief master sergeant of the Air Force."

As operations tempo remains high, information flow is especially vital, he said.

"Whether deployed or at home station, our Airmen are working at a feverish pace," Chief Murray said. "It's important they understand what's going on within our force. In the 'Chief's View,' I'll give it to them straight, and we'll tackle very basic and even contentious issues. I want these messages to encourage communication within the chain of command and with peers."

A new segment of "Chief's View" will run



Photo by Master Sgt. Efrain Gonzalez

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray addresses Air Force trainees of the 326th Training Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Chief Murray hopes to get information to all Airmen with a television segment "Chief's View."

every two weeks with messages ranging from timely issues to basic Air Force fundamentals.

This will be an important medium to let Airmen hear what their leaders are doing to address key issues facing today's Air Force, Chief Murray said.

"We have great programming on our AFN and Pentagon channels, and I hope we can add to that," he said. "I encourage everyone to check out these stations and watch for the 'Chief's View.'"



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Staying fit to fight

Members of the 39th Mission Support Group run in formation May 6 during their monthly run. Unit physical training can be a good way for people to get and stay in shape.

IN THE NEWS

Power outage

There are power outages from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday in dormitory buildings 880 and 882, Communications Squadron buildings 867 and 868 and the auto hobby shop; Thursday at finance building 480; and June 10 at explosive ordinance disposal building 115, motorpool buildings 116 and 118 and fuel management buildings 120 and 124. This is to assist with the project to repair electric distribution systems. For more information, call Sabahattin Celik at 6-8020 or 6-6570.

Military Equal Opportunity

The Military Equal Opportunity office is conducting a wing-wide unit climate assessment to assess the human relations climate of the wing. The results will be used to improve the human relations climate and working environment within the wing. The online web site will be available for access through June 10 and can be accessed from any internet accessible computer. For more information, call the MEO office at 6-6210.

Crime buster

The Air Force Office of Special Investigation investigates a wide variety of serious offenses that undermine the mission of the U.S. Air Force or the Department of Defense. Information can be provided anonymously. To share information about offenses, call 6-6488.

Hostile fire pay

All military members on leave, permissive TDY or TDY for one calendar month or more will not receive hostile fire pay or combat zone tax exclusion. For more information, call the finance office at 6-3606 or e-mail 39cpts.customerservice@incirlik.af.mil.

Storknesters

Civilian storknesters that request a travel advance prior to departure need to submit a DD 1351-2 and DD1351-3 for meals and lodging. Travel vouchers must be approved and signed by the 39th Medical Squadron prior to submitting to finance. For more information, call 6-6306 or e-mail 39cpts.customerservice@incirlik.af.mil.

AFN-I sends quality product around the world

By Senior Airman Jessica Switzer

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

American Forces Network – Incirlik broadcasters will tell you that a lot of time and effort goes into one 90 second news segment.

“Normally we put about three hours into each story,” said Master Sgt. John Tway, AFN-I detachment chief. “That includes all the set up time, the interview, filming the supporting video and editing it all together into the final 90 second segment.”

These news stories go out all over the world. Since AFN-I does not currently have the same live television broadcast capabilities they used to, most of the stories get back to us when they are submitted and used by other parts of the AFN family.

“We export between 10 and 15 stories a month to Air Force News Europe, Air Force News Agency Network and others,” said Sergeant Tway. “We are on ‘Around the Air Force’ quite a bit, something like once a month or so.”

A lot of the work that goes on behind the scenes is accomplished through teamwork. Since AFN-I staff has moved to a temporary building while theirs is being refurbished it presents a few unique problems.

“We have had to create some work arounds and since not all of our equipment is up and running we have had to put people on shifts so that everything can get done,” said Sergeant Tway. “Folks have been really flexible. There hasn’t been a whole lot of strife. People are working well together. They’re really great team players.”

In spite of the crowded work environment everyone pulls together to get the job done. There are only four people assigned specifically to the television broadcast section but the entire detachment is ca-



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Airman 1st Class Jason Armstrong, American Forces Network - Incirlik broadcaster, edits tape and sound to make broadcasts that go all over the world.

pable and willing to do anything said Sergeant Tway.

“We have people who could be doing a radio show in the morning and filming a television broadcast in the afternoon,” he said.

The team work pays off when higher headquarters recognizes the detachment.

“We recently found out that we placed third in the 2004 Air Force Media Contest for local news cast,” said Sergeant Tway. “Two of our people contributed to the first place regional news cast in Ramstein, Germany too.”

To Senior Airman David Larva, AFN-I broadcast producer, the recognition is a real morale booster.

“It’s nice to know we get recognition from people who can look at what we are doing and at what everyone else is doing,” he said.

Air Force finalizes new utility uniform

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Blue and green tiger stripes are out; the digitized pattern with subdued green, tan, blue and gray is in.

After reviewing more than 150,000 bits of feedback throughout the initial seven-month wear test of the proposed utility uniform, Air Force leaders recently decided to eliminate the original color scheme and conduct a limited field test of the new pattern.

Special operations and survival, evasion, resistance and escape Airmen will conduct a limited wear test of the new design at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Hurlburt Field, Fla., and Fairchild AFB, Wash., in June.

“The sole purpose of the test will be to see if we can add any features to the uniform to make it a better uniform in the field and to determine if the new colors (and) pattern provide camouflage protection they need in the field,” said Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos, Air Force uniform board superintendent.

Airmen who participated in the initial wear test stopped wearing the more vibrant blue-

green uniform March 1.

The original wear test involved more than 700 Airmen at 32 bases worldwide who kept detailed daily logs annotating likes, dislikes and wash-and-wear problems. They also completed three surveys.

“Throughout the test, Air Force leaders actively solicited feedback from testers and observers alike to ensure this uniform developed into one that fit the needs of today’s Airmen,” Sergeant Athnos said.

“There were several avenues for feedback, ensuring that the (Air Force) chief of staff had realistic facts when making the final decision on the uniform,” she said.

Those avenues included a survey sent to 45,000 Airmen, a Web site and direct e-mail to the uniform board.

“Some comments were positive, some were negative — all of them were provided directly to the chief of staff,” Sergeant Athnos said.

The uniform is scheduled to be procured in mid-2005, officials said. Airmen can expect to purchase it sometime in fiscal 2007. The proposed uniform will be phased in over four or five years.



Extreme Summer is a U.S. Air Forces in Europe program that gives out points and prizes for using base facilities and programs.

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Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, Host Nation Adviser

More markets

(Editor's Note: Last week Mehmet wrote about several of the markets to be found in the Incirlik and Adana area, this week he continues with many more)

While farmers' markets are set up at almost every district in Adana on a certain day every week, all the traditional markets are in Old Adana. Since Adana is a large city, there might be two or three farmers' markets set up in various districts of the city on the same day. The farmers' market in Incirlik village is set up twice a week on Sundays and Thursdays.

Although we call it farmers' market, there are other things sold next to fruits and vegetables, like plastic ware, kitchen utensils and tailoring materials.

If you take the street south of the Small Clock Square in old Adana you can find the Egyptian bazaar, fish market, spice market and meat market (the butchers' market).

If you walk for about 100 yards on the left side of that street, you will see spice shops lined next to each other. They all have the word "CERCI" on their shop sign. There are various spice sacks lined up next to each other in front of those shops. You can find all kind of spices and herbs in those shops. The attendants also give descriptions on how to use spices and herbs against some diseases. That knowledge has been inherited by their fathers and masters for centuries.

At the corner of the street where the spice shops end turn left and you will see the entrance to the Egyptian Market (Misir Carsisi).

Right behind the Spice Market, the sub street parallel to the main street, is the meat market. Butchers are lined up on both sides of that street. The street has a high cover to protect the shops from sun shine and rain. The shops are always cutting meat into pieces, sorting them and carrying it into refrigerators or vehicles waiting by. Wholesale and retail meat is sold at the same time. Although the animals are not killed or skinned there, it may feel like an open air slaughterhouse, because the street is always wet, as shopkeepers wash the pavement and street



Photo by Airman 1st Class Bradley Lail

Ray Mergil, 39th Services Squadron Art and crafts center director, sets up some frames that were made at the arts and crafts center during the block party May 21. Americans may not have the same types of markets, but on occasion there is a chance for people to purchase things at flea markets or other base events.

frequently to clean the meat and blood stains.

If you are not accustomed to seeing how meat is butchered I recommend you to stay away from that market.

At the corner of the street where the spice shops end, turn right and cross the street, there is the fish market. The fishermen are lined on the left side of that street. The various fresh fish brought from Karatas and Yumurtalik are caught in the Mediterranean are exhibited on the stands of the shops. Those shops do not sell frozen fish or sea products.

A very interesting market is set up on Sundays on the bridge south of the Roman Bridge is the Bird Market. You will find hundreds of bird lovers selling, buying and exchanging colorful birds, pigeons and live chickens. You can also see rabbits and other small animals sold at that market. That market lasts until noon.

The oldest market in Adana is the Bakircilar Carsisi (Coppersmith's Market) by the Big Clock in old Adana. That market with narrow streets and tiny shops has been in the same place for the last five hundred

years. You can easily watch the copper-smiths, shoemakers and other craftsmen conducting their profession. All the products produced in that market are hand made. The shops have been inherited from grandfather to father, to son, to grandson for centuries. Even if you do not purchase anything, watching and taking picture of those craftsmen is quite interesting.

The Turkish word "Pazar" means market. It is originally Arabic and coming from the word of "Bazaar." Most of the weekly town markets are set up on Sundays in Turkey. Thus, Sunday mostly means as the "Market Day" for the Turks. And as a result of that 'Pazar' also means "Sunday" in Turkish.

We also have the 'flea market' in old Adana. We should remember the 'car market' as well. Anybody who wants to sell or buy a car go to those markets which are set up at several locations on Sundays in Adana.

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.

Airmen deploy with four-legged partner

By Master Sgt. Cheryl L. Toner
380th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

SOUTHWESTASIA (AFP) — Some people bring stuffed animals with them when they deploy. Some Airmen even bring the real thing.

Staff Sgt. Thomas Burns and his 9-year-old dog, Ogar, deployed three months ago from Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. The Belgian Malinois and his handler are part of the eight-person military working dog team at a forward-deployed location. There are six handlers, a trainer and a kennel master.

Sergeant Burns began his career as a “regular cop,” but jumped at the chance to become a dog handler at his three-year point. “I wanted the opportunity,” he said.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, dog handlers and their partners have been busy, said Staff Sgt. Julian Stovall, kennel master. Sergeant Stovall is a military working dog trainer deployed from Kadena Air Base, Japan, and he said the teams typically are deployed for six months, home for six months, and then deployed again.

Sergeant Burns knows the routine — in seven years, he has deployed six times. But he said that is OK, because nothing beats the camaraderie at this location.

“The majority of our time is spent here,” said Sergeant Stovall of the building they work out of. “We might sleep in the tents, but this is our home.”

Spending more time with their co-workers

also means they spend more time with their four-legged deployment partners.

“Back home, we don’t see that much of each other,” Sergeant Stovall said.

But on deployments, Sergeant Burns said he sees a lot more of his furry explosives ordnance-sniffing dog.

“On my days off (at home), I don’t usually see Ogar because it’s so far to drive,” he said. “But when I’m off here, I still come over and play with him and let him chew on a tennis ball.”

Deployments, however, are not all tennis balls and napping for the military working dogs. Sergeant Stovall said they follow a training schedule that includes testing the dogs’ ability to sniff out explosives about four times a month.

“The trainer puts something in an approved area, and we get called to go find it,” Sergeant Burns said. “It’s a game to (the dogs). Toys are the reward every time they find something.”

Training their dogs must be done carefully, especially when temperatures climb past 100 degrees. As with people working in the sun, military working dogs also have a work-rest cycle.

“We can only work them for about 20 to 25 minutes,” Sergeant Stovall said.

To try and stay cool like their handlers, the dogs also have air conditioning in their living quarters.

When deploying, the dogs need to go through much of the same process as Air-



Photo by Master Sgt. Cheryl L. Toner

Staff Sgt. Thomas Burns watches as Ogar, a military working dog, attempts to take down Staff Sgt. Danielle Carver during training. Six dog handlers are deployed to this forward-deployed location with their dogs. Sergeant Burns and Ogar are deployed from Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

men. The dog’s name is on the Airman’s orders. The dogs also have to take malaria pills as well as another pill that keeps disease from ticks at bay.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Bradley Lail

Talk to the animals

Tech Sgt. Tammy Diyar, finance clerk, and Jadah Moore, 2, pet a rabbit the incirlik strayanimal facility has up for adoption at the Incirlik block party May 21. For more information on how to adopt an animal from the SAF, call Staff. Sgt. Adena Eberhardt at 6-6425.

THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

Incirlik Survivor

An obstacle course challenge and survivor cook out are 5 p.m. Wednesday at Arkadas park. To sign up or for more information, call 6-1032.

50th Anniversary celebration

Activities for the Incirlik 50th Anniversary celebration include: The **Amazing Incirlik Race** at 7:30 a.m. June 15 at the high school track. Contestants should pre-register by June 10. **Dedication ceremony** at 9 a.m. June 16 in front of building 833. This joint ceremony honors 50 years of partnership. **Military sports day** starts at 7:30 a.m. June 17 at Arkadas Park. There are 10 events planned. People who want to participate need to pre-register by June 10. All events are alternate duty locations for Air Force personnel. For more information, call Capt. Coleen Foust at 6-3108 or Richelle Kemper at 6-2180.

Swimming Pool

Guests at the Hodja Inn can get a **guest pool pass** for \$1 per day billed directly to their room. Sign up for this upon check in.

The first session of **swimming lessons** begins June 20. There are four sessions running through Sept. 2.

Pool passes are on sale at the pool. Individual passes are \$30 per month and \$100 for the year. Family passes are \$40 per month and \$135 for the year. Aqua aerobics passes are \$30 per month. Day passes are \$2 for ages 1 to 12 years old and \$2.50 for those older than 12. For more information, call the pool at 6-3442.

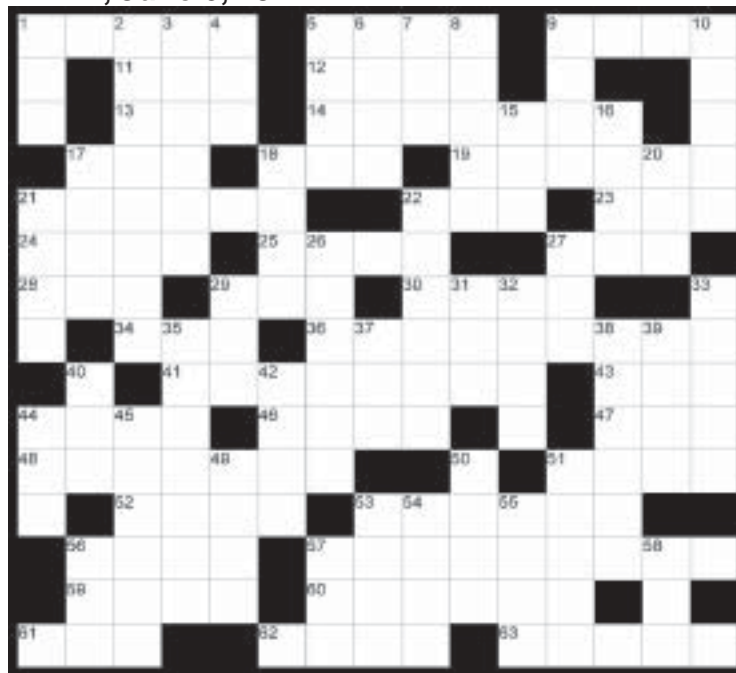
Women's Soccer

The base women's soccer team meets 2 p.m. Sundays at the high school soccer field. Anyone who wants to learn or play can attend. For more information, call Stephanie Martin at 6-6810.

Bingo

Bingo is open to all club card holders 18 years and older Wednesdays in the club ballroom. Card sales start at 5 p.m. For more information, call 6-6101.

D-DAY, June 6, 1944



By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. D-Day beach
5. D-Day beach
9. D-Day beach
11. Stereo button (abbrev.)
12. Molecule part
13. Inventor Whitney
14. Tropical fruits
17. Epoch
18. Type of wood for furniture
19. Lawn rows

21. Countries who opposed Nazis, informally
22. Middle East country (abbrev.)
23. Sodium hydroxide
24. Lump
25. Something to cook with (two words)
27. After dinner dessert
28. Hearing organ
29. Spring mon.
30. Prod
34. Mil. org.
36. Of or relating to the cuticle
41. Site of D-Day
43. Pie ____ mode

44. Part of a church
46. Is sick
47. Computer connection
48. Operation name for naval portion of D-Day
51. Defeat
52. Joint
53. Stumble
56. Big rig
57. Deception operation for D-Day
59. Beloit college and 30 WI churches founder Stephen
60. Ordain
61. Writer Rand
62. 21 ACROSS opponent at D-Day

63. Pairs

DOWN

1. Movie genre ____-Fi
2. Name of Operation for D-Day
3. Antacid tablet
4. Mil. language school in Monterey, CA
5. Punches
6. D-Day beach
7. Persona ____ grata
8. D-Day beach
9. Happy
10. Soak
15. Formerly
16. Mil. insurance
17. Singer Fitzgerald
18. Mil. fast
20. See
21. Makes a perfect score
22. Opens a brooch
26. Medical slang for an early birth
27. Each
29. Bother
31. Strange
32. R&B artist Alicia
33. Direction other than perpendicular or horizontal
35. Single occasion (two words)
37. Mate
38. Portugal museum
39. Unfortunately
40. Imitate
42. Airman Basic, Airman, Airman First Class, etc.
44. Picnic pest
45. Organ that produces immune cells
49. Mil. group
50. Egyptian king
51. Actress Midler
53. Singer Braxton
54. Greek god of love
55. Hue
56. Spook
57. Facsimile, in brief
58. Dike



Yard sale: A yard sale is 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at 3119B Silifke. Items for sale include baby, clothes, baby items, furniture and music.

For sale: 1992 Chrysler Grand Voyager, 3.3l 6 cylinder, tires/battery less than one year old, A/C, power locks, seven passenger, ABS. BB \$1,645 - asking \$1,300. For more information, call Jeremy Sutfin at (work) 6-6078/8310 or (home) 6-2165 or e-mail at sutfinj@incirlik.net.

For sale: 1999 Yamaha YZF-R1 motorcycle, red with powder coated frame, extremely low miles and in great condition. \$5,500 or best offer. For more information, call Antonio at 6-2304.

For sale: 1993 Honda Civic hatchback, Japanese Specs, air conditioning, CD, new tires, \$4,000 OBO. For more information call Chad at 6-5875.

For sale: Red 1994 Mitsubishi Mirage, great second car, \$1,200 OBO. For more information, call Shawn or Zeynep Messer at (work) 6-3265 or (home) 6-2147.

For sale: 2000 Toyota Celica GT, like new. Asking \$9,500. For more information, call Bill at 6-2185 after 6 p.m. or e-mail wganders@yahoo.com.

For sale: 1984 Mercedes 240SE, straight six and automatic transmission — well maintained. New tires, CD player, seat heaters and air conditioning. Selling for \$2,000. For more information, call William Harlan at 6-6363.

Instructors needed: The community center is looking for experienced piano instructors. For more information, call Nerissa Atkisson at 6-1032.

Needed: Person who knows how to set up home wireless network (peer-to-peer). Please call Jeremy Sutfin at (work) 6-6078/8310 or (home) 6-2165 or e-mail at sutfinj@incirlik.net.

COMBAT, SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

Project Wizard

The Incirlik library has new hours starting Saturday. The new hours are: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Fridays and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The Incirlik library has a selection of books on Cappadocia and other travel destinations in Turkey. For more information, call 6-6759.

Combat Touch happenings

The Gospel worship service is 11:15 a.m. Sunday at Arkadas Park with fellowship to follow. For more information, call Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Richard Spearman at 6-6441.

Hours for Sunday worship services held at the base chapel in building 945 are:

Protestant:

8 a.m. – Traditional worship service

11:15 a.m. – Gospel worship service

6 p.m. – Contemporary worship service

Catholic:

9 a.m. – Reconciliation

9:30 a.m. – Mass

Daily Mass is 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Other services coordinated through the base chapel are:

Church of Christ morning worship is 9:30 a.m. Sundays in room 122 at the high school.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints worship service is 10 a.m. Sundays in the high school band room.

Islamic worship service is noon Fridays at the mosque on base.

The chapel also has points of contact for Jewish, Wiccan and Jehova's Witness. For these and any other faiths, call the base chapel at 6-6441.

The chapel is making a **pilgrimage** of the Apostle Paul's first missionary journey in early July. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Dallas Little at 6-6441.

The **Protestant Men of the Chapel** meet at noon Wednesdays at noon at the Crossroads Cafe. For more information, call Drew Eubank at 6-8312.



Photo by Tech Sgt. William Gomez

Honoring the fallen

Members of the Incirlik Honor Guard fold the American flag during a Memorial Day retreat ceremony May 25 in honor of the people who died in service to the nation.



AT THE OASIS

Today

7 p.m. – Sahara (PG-13)(1st Run) – Starring Matthew McConaughey and Penelope Cruz. Master explorer Dirk takes on the adventure of his life when he embarks on a treasure hunt through some of the most dangerous regions of North Africa. (120 minutes)

9:15 p.m. – Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) – Starring Clint Eastwood and Hilary Swank. Frankie Dunn is a veteran boxing trainer who has devoted his life to the ring and has little to show for it. Then, Maggie Fitzgerald enters his life and announces she needs a trainer. Finally won over by her determination, Frankie takes on Maggie. (133 minutes)

Saturday

5 p.m. – Ice Princess (G) – Starring Michelle Trachtenberg and Joan Cusack. Casey has never quite fit in. Caught between her fantasy of becoming a championship figure skater and her strong-willed mother, who has her on the fast track to Harvard, she can only hope to be like Nikki, Tiffany and Gen – three elite skating prodigies who are ruthlessly competing on the US National circuit. (98 minutes)

7:30 p.m. – Sahara (PG-13)(1st Run) – Starring Matthew McConaughey and Penelope Cruz. (120 minutes)

Sunday

7 p.m. – Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13) – Starring Kimberly Elise and Steve Harris. Just as Helen begins preparations to celebrate her 20th wedding anniversary, Charles drops his bomb: he wants to divorce Helen for her best friend. Helen takes her belongings, and her wounds, back to her family, where a grandmother figure gives Helen the strength to heal. (116 minutes)

Thursday

7 p.m. – Be Cool (PG-13) – Starring John Travolta and Uma Thurman. Chili Palmer sees a friend killed while he's at lunch, and when he visits the wife of the deceased, he pitches himself as her new business partner. (114 minutes)

AT THE M1

Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith (PG-13) — 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. (150 minutes)
Hostage(R) — 11:45 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 9 p.m. (113 minutes)
Kingdom of Heaven (R) — 12:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (145 minutes)

Movie listings are subject to changes. On-base listings are courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/incirlik.htm>; M-1 listings are courtesy of the Tempe Cinemaxx Web site at www.tepecinemaxx.com.tr. For more Oasis information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140.